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SUBJECT: AFP ARTICLE ON KUWAIT INVESTIGATION OF SAUDI

EMBASSY ATTACK

1. REPORT ON PAGE 2 BY JIDDA'S AL-MADINA SEPT 14 QUOTED AFP FROM BEIRUT AS SAYING VARIOUS LEBANESE NEWSPAPERS HAVE INFO THAT KUWAITI INTERROGATION INTO THE SAUDI EMBASSY OPERATION IN PARIS HAS REVEALED THAT QUOTE NEIGHBORLY STATE UNQUOTE INVOLVED. ARTICLE WENT ON TO SAY KUWAIT DOES NOT INTEND TO PROSECUTE HIJACKERS, BECAUSE RELATIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BETWEEN KUWAIT AND QUOTE ACCUSED NEIGHBORLY STATE ARE

SENSITIVE UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: ARTICLE APPEARED IN JIDDA PRESS WITHOUT COMMENT, ALONG SIDE TRANSCRIPTION OF PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY SAUDI'S FATAH REP, IN WHICH HE STRONGLY CONDEMNED INCIDENT AND PROMISED THAT HIS ORGANIZATION WOULD UNCOVER PLOT AND REVEAL PERPETRATORS. WHILE EMBASSY HAS HEARD NO REACTION TO SUGGESTION THAT KUWAIT IS SHIELDING IRAQ, EMBASSY DOES FEEL THAT IF PRESS REPORT IS TRUE, KUWAITIS WOULD FIND THEMSELVES CAUGHT IN SQUEEZE BETWEEN DESIRE NOT TO HURT RELATIONS WITH IRAQ AND PRESSURE FROM SAUDIS TO REVEAL FULL FACTS OF INVESTIGATION.

NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CAIRO.

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